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General Managers,
All Indian Railways
Including PUs & DG/RDSO

Sub:- Early administration of a precaution dose of COVID-19 vaccine prior to the prescribed time interval to the persons intending to undertake international travel.
Ref:- MoH&FW D.O.No.T-22014/22/2021-Imm-Part (2) dated 13.05.2022.

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Please find enclosed herewith a copy of D.O. letter received from the Secretary/Ministry of Health & Family welfare regarding early administration of a precaution dose of COVID-19 vaccine prior to the prescribed time interval to the persons intending to undertake international travel.

This is for information & necessary action of all Zonal Railways & Production Units.

DA:- As above

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Additional Secretary

D.O.No.T-22014/22/2021-Imm-Part (2)
Dated: 13th May, 2022

Dear All,

As you are aware that under the National Covid vaccination programme the precaution dose is available for all adult population who have completed 9 months or 39 weeks after the second dose.

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has received several requests for the early administration of precaution dose of Covid-19 vaccine to persons who need to undertake international travel for educational purpose, employment opportunities, participation in sports tournaments in foreign countries, participation in bilateral, multilateral meetings as part of India's official delegation, for attending business commitments in foreign countries, etc.

Based on the recommendations of the domain knowledge experts, the competent authority has approved early administration of precaution dose as required by the destination country, for these overseas travellers subject to a minimum period of 90 days between 2nd dose and the precaution dose. The necessary provisions for the same have been made on Co-WIN. The guidelines in this regard are enclosed.

It is requested that the guidelines may be widely publicised to all Government and private CVCs and for general public and all necessary measures be taken immediately for the implementation of the same.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

13/05/2022

(Dr. Manohar Agnani)

Encl: as above

To: Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary (Health) - All States/UTs.

Early administration of a precaution dose of Covid-19 vaccine prior to the prescribed time interval to the persons intending to undertake international travel

1. Presently, based on the recommendations by the domain subject experts the following beneficiaries who are fully vaccinated (with 2 doses) and have completed 9 months (39 weeks) after the 2nd dose, as per the records available on Co-WIN, are eligible to take precaution dose.

    - Health Care Workers (HCW)
    - Frontline Workers (FLW)
    - Citizens aged 60 years and more (birth year 1962 or earlier as recorded on Co-WIN) – at any of Government or Private CVCs.
    - Citizens aged 18 years and more but less than 60 years (birth year 2004 or earlier till year 1963 as recorded on Co-WIN) – Only at any of Private CVCs on a payment basis. It can be also availed at Govt. CVCs in selected States, based on respective State's notification.

2. The vaccine administered as Precaution Dose is homologous vaccine i.e the same vaccine which has been administered as 1st & 2nd dose, can be administered for precaution dose at present.

3. The Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has received several requests for the early administration of precaution dose of Covid-19 vaccine as per the requirement of the destination country, for such persons who have taken two doses of Covid vaccine and are required to undertake international travel for educational purpose, employment opportunities, participation in sports tournaments in foreign countries, participation in bilateral, multilateral meetings as part of India's official delegation, for attending business commitments in foreign countries, etc.

4. In this context, to facilitate international travel for such genuine reasons, the necessary provision of early administration of precaution dose for these travelers undertaking international travel has been done on Co-WIN under National Covid-19 Vaccination Programme, which are as follows: –

    a) The utility is to be used by such beneficiaries who have taken two doses of Covid vaccine through Co-WIN and are required to undertake international travel as indicated above.

b) The precaution dose can be administered to such beneficiary less than 9 months to at a minimum interval of 3 months (90 days) from the date of administration of the second dose as recorded on Co-WIN as per requirement of the destination country.

c) All CVCs in the State where precaution dose is being administered are eligible to administer precaution dose with reduced interval i.e. less than 9 months to minimum interval of 3 months (90 days).

d) There is no need of uploading any documents on Co-WIN like visa, travel documents etc. claiming proof of undertaking international travel for availing this facility.

e) The necessary provisions have been done on Co-WIN to enable updation of precaution dose so administered. Other provisions of vaccinations would remain same.

5. All technical protocols as prescribed in the Guidelines of the Ministry regarding COVID Vaccination Centres and AEFI management etc. shall have to be followed.